

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 955
By Graves

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Sandra Bennett for her meritorious service with the Business and Professional Women of Greater Nashville.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens who through their extraordinary efforts have distinguished themselves as community leaders and professionals of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy person is Sandra Bennett, who has been an active and important part of the Business and Professional Women of Greater Nashville; and

WHEREAS, the Business and Professional Women (BPW) is a part of BPW USA, an organization that promotes equity for all women in the workplace through advocacy, education, and information; and

WHEREAS, joining forces with the BPW of Greater Nashville in 1997, Ms. Bennett officially became a part of its membership in March 1998 and has since been diligent and proficient in her work to promote women's equality in the workplace; and

WHEREAS, quickly becoming an integral part of the organization, Ms. Bennett began her tenure with BPW of Greater Nashville as its Newsletter Chair and has since served astutely as Secretary, 1st Vice President, and President; she currently serves as the Tennessee Federation BPW Region II District IV Director for 2004-2005; and

WHEREAS, a consummate professional, Ms. Bennett is presently employed as an Administrative Assistant with Smith Seckman Reid, Incorporated and she has previously utilized her many talents with a wide array of businesses through her work as Regional Coordinator for CertainTeen Corporation in Nashville, Fleet Administrator for Siemens Industrial Automation in Atlanta, and Catering Director for Joe Louis Arena in Detroit; and

WHEREAS, not only possessing keen business skills, Ms. Bennett is also an avid historian and has extensively researched her family's genealogy and written family historical articles which were published in the *White County Tennessee Heritage Book*; she also writes family short stories, which she aspires to have published; and

WHEREAS, although a dedicated professional and a public-minded citizen, Ms. Bennett still finds time away from her business and civic activities in order to relax on her family farm in Coffee County where she enjoys the hobbies of her youth -- walking through the fields and fishing; and

WHEREAS, wholly devoted to upholding family values, Ms. Bennett is most grateful for the love of her son David, a nationally recognized Garden Designer, and her granddaughter Rachel; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Bennett epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud Sandra Bennett for her dedication to improving the workplace for the women of this State and Nation; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend Sandra Bennett for her meritorious service to the women of the State of Tennessee and this Nation through her work with the Business and Professional Women of Greater Nashville and extend to her our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.